RW file: Allen Park Test Lab.

Roger - Does this ring any bells?

Inter Office

General Services

March 9, 1979

Larry

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Mr. W. J. Vega
Hourly Personnel, Labor Relations, and
Services Department

cc J. A. Keller ~~L. M. Roslinski~~

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R. M. Quarles
Division Safety Engineer
Security, Fire, and Safety Department

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Ford Suggestion Program Submission Form

Identify Your Idea

Building	Department	Case number (leave blank)
ALLEN PARK TEST LAB.	INSTRUMENT MAINT. UNIT K 2415.	CE-78-319

Job involved	Bay number	Part numbers	Current date	If being resubmitted write prior case no here
SAFETY SUGGESTION			8-1-78	

Other information (car line, die numbers, machine numbers, etc.)

YOUR

		Your plant or location	Dept no
Name	ROBERT BARNETT	APTL	K-2415
Street and no	42705 SOMERSET DR.	Name of your Supervisor: DON BORSVOLD	Shift no: 2
City, State, Zip code	CANTON MICH 48187	Social Security Number: 378-44-1113	Hourly ☐ Salaried ☒
		If salaried, indicate status	Nonexempt ☒ Exempt ☐

Describe present method or condition

PRESENTLY IN THE ALLEN PARK TEST LAB AND THE EMISSION LABS WE ARE USING LOOSE FILL ASBESTOS TO INSULATE THE CONVERTOR COILS USED ON THE VACUUM HOOD CONSOLES. ASBESTOS IS ALSO USED IN THE HIGH TEMPERATURE OVEN ON THE RICARDO AIR FUEL RATIO METER. BOTH PIECES OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRE PERIODIC REPAIR INVOLVING REMOVAL OF THE LOOSE FILL ASBESTOS.

What specific improvement do you recommend?

ASBESTOS (ESPECIALLY THE LOOSE FILL TYPE) HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE A CARCINGEN WHEN INGESTED IN EVEN VERY SMALL QUANTITIES. THE HANDLING OF THESE UNITS FILLED WITH ASBESTOS HAS BEEN HANDLED WITHOUT DUE REGARD TO THE VERY DANGEROUS CANCER CAUSING NATURE OF THIS SUBSTANCE. REMOVE THE ASBESTOS AND USE ANOTHER TYPE OF HIGH TEMPERATURE INSULATOR OF LESS HAZARDOUS NATURE.

What advantages can be expected from this change?

PREVENTION OF CANCER IN EMPLOYEES EXPOSED TO SAID EQUIPMENT. A SAFER WORKING ENVIRONMENT. THIS CONTION HAS EXISTED FOR 7 YEARS

Please type or print (use Ball Point) Complete all applicable spaces and sign form below

See Suggestion Program Highlights on reverse side. Return all 5 plys to Program Coordinator

☒ SUBMISSION ACKNOWLEDGMENT Thank you for submitting this idea. You are being furnished this copy to acknowledge our receipt of your idea and to provide you with the case number assigned

For Suggestion Program Office Use

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The foregoing idea is submitted under the Suggestion Program of my Employer with which I am familiar. In consideration of my participation in whichever Plan of the Program is applicable to me, the compensation paid to me as an employe and the facilities and data made available to me by my Employer, I hereby recognize as the exclusive property of, and assign, transfer and convey to my Employer any and all rights I may have to the whole or any part of this idea, including patent rights if any, and I will execute any and all conveyances, assignments or other papers relating thereto which my Employer may request. I agree that any decision made by my Employer regarding eligibility, adoption, rejection, award or commendation with reference to my idea shall be final and binding, and that my Employer shall have the right to withdraw or change the Program at any time.

Employe's Signature: Robert E Barnett

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MEMO FROM
BILL VEGA

Dear Joni,
Subject: Suggestion Case # CE 78-364

The subject case was referred to ~~you~~ SHARI on 8/16/78
and your recommendation has not as yet been received.

A prompt reply would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Bill Vega
General Services

Please find out where we stand on this case. Have you had any response from the Toxicology Dept?

Regardless - give me some sort of status report.

Thanks heaps -

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~~Robert~~
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Paul
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March 23, 1979

Mr. P E Path

Subject: Suggestion Program Case Number CE-78-389

The attached case is referred to you for consideration.

It is requested that an investigation be made to determine the merit and general application of suggested change. If the recommendation contained in this referral meets with your approval and falls within your authority, please advise of the action taken to put it into effect. Your prompt investigation and recommendation is necessary to enable the Suggestion Program Committee to make proper disposition of the case.

Kindly submit a reply in duplicate to this office within one month of the date of this communication.

JC Emanuel

James C. Emanuel
Suggestion Program Administrator
Employe Communication Department

Attachment

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